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Column One
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THE devices of humanity have grown and multiplied from century to century. Its instincts have only been modified. The family is still our first love and surest protection; and after that the tribe, or its modern equivalent, and then the nation. That is why people fight like tigers to keep the family whole, to preserve the tribal bonds, and to defend the nation. Every now and then the struggle has to be from the very beginning, not to defend these rights but to establish them in substance; and that, I suppose, is what happened to the Jews seven years ago. In any event, 1948 was the second stage of the beginning. Now, seven years later, within its eccentric frontiers, Israel is an independent State which has not only established the rights of its people as individuals, families, tribes and nation, but also the right to defend these rights.

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IT is a matter for congratulation. It is a matter, perhaps, for more than the three cups of wine proposed by those who think ceremonial formula is the best means of jogging the national memory — as if anyone in Israel is ever likely to forget the story of Israel's independence; or as if history, that cautious, unhurried recorder, will ever forget it or be allowed to forget it. It is a matter for rejoicing. The children, therefore, will dance and eat sticky sweets in the name of independence; the young men and women will sing stirring songs; the soldiers will march up and down while Army leaders and Ministers of Government stand stiffly to attention in the hot sun; the President will shake a thousand hands. These are the outward signs of the inner grace of freedom.

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THE observer who is neither Israeli nor Jew but has watched the zestful process of independence (and has even eaten of the herb ceremonially brewed today at the instigation of the Minister of Education and Culture) may be less astonished by what happened seven years ago than by what has happened since. Independence came to the Jews of Palestine because, in 1948, there was no alternative. The surprising thing is that it has been sustained and consolidated since then in circumstances that had none of the desperation of the heroic period, little of its glory, less of its implacable urging. It is one thing to defend life and limb and home; another to trudge through the daily round of labour, ploughing stony earth, tending unfamiliar machines, year in year out so that Mr. Eshkol can say: in this, the seventh year, we are exporting more merchandise and importing less food. And to keep at it so that Mr. Horowitz can say: in another ten or twelve years from this, the seventh year, our lagging economy will have caught up with our political independence — that is to say, the trade gap will have closed.

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THE economies of independence are probably more to the point than the politics of independence; and if Israel, at the end of seven years, has lost some political ground in the world outside, which is hardly less harassed than Israel herself, she has held, and even improved, her economic ground. If external goodwill is to be counted in hard cash rather than in pacts and treaties, she has won for herself a remarkable amount of goodwill. And Israel's agriculture and industry have expanded, her harbours have been modernized, her railway system brought up-to-date, her shipping increased, her minerals exploited.

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AFTER seven years, then, Israel is not friendless. She has the makings of a solvent, pleasant land in which her people will be able to live comfortably in pride — if they wait for their comfort until it has been earned and if they temper pride with the humility their good fortune has deserved. There are, of course, those mischievous, thorny frontiers; but they are the business of an army that knows its business and a diplomacy that has to be as patient and as cautious as Mr. Eshkol and Dr. Bernstein pushing out bit by bit, year by year, the bridge that one day is to span a dark and dismal canyon, the trade gap. Therefore, all in all, today is worth at the very least those three cups of wine; and a fourth just in case something worthy of a toast may have been forgotten.

Jerusalem, April 27.

Dulles Ready to Meet China on Cease-Fire

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said here today that the U.S. would probe further China's offer to negotiate a relaxation of tension and that the U.S. would not insist that the Chinese Nationalists participate in any negotiations for a cease-fire in the Formosa area.

Mr. Dulles said that negotiations with the Chinese Communists would imply no diplomatic recognition whatever.

He revealed at his weekly press conference here that a few minutes earlier he had received a message regarding Premier Chou En-lai's offer (made at Bandung on Saturday) through formal diplomatic channels from the Pakistan Embassy.

He said that Mr. Chou's offer to negotiate with the U.S. appeared to be of sufficient promise to justify probing.

Although the Nationalists should be represented in discussions of the larger interests of the Far East, Mr. Dulles said, a cease-fire involved the position and interests of the U.S. which had undertaken to protect Formosa against attack. But if there were assurances that there would be no attack against Formosa, the U.S. would accept those assurances under any conditions.

Mr. Dulles said that attempts to get a cease-fire could be made bilaterally with China at the U.N. or possibly under other circumstances. In any event, a cease-fire was an indispensable prerequisite to anything further. When they got into further matters, the question of the interests of the Chinese Nationalists would play a large part. The U.S. was not going to discuss the interests of Nationalist China behind her back.

Republican Objects

Senator Walter George (Democrat), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today that the absence of Formosan representatives should not prevent the U.S. and China from holding peace talks. A Republican member of the Committee, Senator Bourne J Hickenlooper, took exception. "We certainly wouldn't sit down at any conference to dispose of British territory unless Great Britain were there," he said.

The British Foreign Secretary is reported to have told the Cabinet in London today that China's offer to talk with the U.S. was a significant step which might break months of deadlock. Usually reliable sources said that the Cabinet gave Mr. Macmillan full authority to use British diplomatic channels to explore Mr. Chou's offer.

American sources in Formosa disclosed today that talks between two top U.S. officials and President Chiang Kai-shek of Nationalist China, had reached a deadlock almost immediately they began. They described the situation arising out of the six-hour meeting on Sunday as "grave."

Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Mr. Walter Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, failed to obtain support for American policy. The sources said that General Chiang was determined to oppose direct talks with the Chinese on any Formosan cease-fire proposals or a Nationalist withdrawal from the off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu. *(Reuter, UP)*

Russia Agrees To Talks in Austria

MOSCOW, Tuesday (UP). — The Soviet Union today agreed to a Western suggestion that the ambassadors of the four powers meet in Vienna on May 2. They are to prepare for a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain and France to discuss and sign an Austrian State Treaty ending the 10-year occupation.

The Soviet Note to the Western Powers denied that the meeting of ambassadors was the "shortest way to reach the necessary agreement on the Austrian problem" as the West had held in their Note of April 22. But Russia said that she was prepared to meet the desire of the U.S. Government in this matter.

At the same time, Russia told Japan that she was ready to start talks in London on June 1 designed to restore normal relations between the two countries — still technically in a state of war.

Egyptian Fire On Two Israel Patrols

An Israel patrol in the Kissufim area was fired on yesterday morning by an Egyptian position using heavy mortar fire, the Army spokesman announced. An Israel battery shelled the Egyptian postion and silenced it.

Another Israel patrol, early yesterday morning, encountered a group of armed Egyptians near Mishmar Hanegev, north of Beersheba, the spokesman added. When the unit approached the Egyptians, they were fired upon. The patrol returned the fire and the Egyptians fled across the border.

Security forces intercepted and opened fire on a group of Beduin smugglers in the North-eastern Negev on Monday night. The smugglers escaped, leaving behind three camels loaded with six sacks of rice and bales of linen.

According to reports in Cairo, Israel forces today opened heavy artillery and mortar fire on two Egyptian outposts in the Deir el Balah area, to the south of the Gaza Strip.

U.N. Truce Observers stationed nearby are said to have watched the ensuing duel, which lasted for three hours. There were no Egyptian casualties.

Major Abbas Sidky, chief Egyptian MAC delegate, immediately lodged a protest.

Syria Recalls Ministers For Action on Crisis

DAMASCUS, Tuesday. — The Syrian Government has asked its delegation to the Afro-Asian Conference, which ended in Bandung on Sunday, to return home immediately to take part in the adoption of measures for facing the present situation arising out of the assassination of the Deputy C-in-C and the dispute with Turkey.

The delegation, which includes the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Justice and Economics, has therefore cancelled its visit to Japan and decided to cut down its visits to New Delhi and Karachi to one day each.

State Ministers of Egypt, Jordan and the Lebanon are due in Tokyo tomorrow morning as guests of the Japanese Government.

Further investigation has revealed that other groups, apart from the Social National Party, were involved in plotting the assassination of Col Adnan Malki, Mohammed el Rafa'i, the military Attorney-General, announced today.

Radio Ramallah reported this evening that fresh public outbursts against the Social National Party were seen today in various Syrian towns where demonstrators stormed into the the party's offices, breaking windows and smashing furniture. The authorities in Damascus posted police guards at the party's offices to prevent further damage.

Investigations into Malki's murder in Aleppo resulted in the arrest of 100 persons.

The Government yesterday held its second meeting within 24 hours to discuss the strained political situation following the assassination on Friday. In a Parliament session yesterday, many deputies called for the dissolution of the Social National Party. *(Reuter, UP)*

SYRIANS SAID READY TO TRY 4 SOLDIERS

The chief Syrian delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission announced that the Syrian authorities have completed the procedure for the military trial of the four Israel soldiers now held in a Damascus prison according to Radio Ramallah last night.

The broadcast said that the Syrian Government has requested Gen. E.L.M. Burns, U.N. Truce Supervisor, to demand the release of the seven Syrian sailors now under detention in Israel.

TRAIN KILLS SEVEN CAIRO WOMEN

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Seven singing Egyptian women in black shawls, driving along in an open donkey cart, were killed today by a Diesel train in Cairo. The cart strayed on to the railway line and a carter and a policeman who tried to pull it off were also mown down by the oncoming suburban train.

Hard Climb Ahead on Way Towards Sound Economy, Sharett Tells Nation

Sprinzak Opens 8th Year of State

Thousands went up to Mount Herzl yesterday evening to witness the official inauguration of the nation's Seventh Independence festivities and the eighth year of freedom, by the Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak.

Shortly before, the sounding of sirens from 6:28 to 6:30 brought Remembrance Day to a close, with pedestrians and vehicles observing two minutes' silence in memory of those whose sacrifices made independence possible.

Beacons lit up the sky over Mount Herzl, where the centre of a roped-off square was occupied by detachments of the Army, Navy and Air Force, who smartly went through their paces.

The lights were extinguished as the colours were lowered to half mast, while the Police Band sounded the "Last Post." A moment later, the grounds were again flooded with light as the flag was raised and a green rocket shot into the sky. This was followed by the firing of a seven-gun salute — one for each year of independence.

Representatives of 11 Diaspora communities and of Israel, lit torches symbolizing the Twelve Tribes of Israel, after proclaiming their names and birthplaces.

Remembering Freedom

Mr. Sprinzak said in his brief address that generation after generation of the Jewish people had observed the command to remember its going forth from Egypt, from the House of Bondage, fortified by the faith that it was only "this year" we were slaves while "next year" we would be free men.

Now that we had indeed returned as free men to our land, it was our duty to remember the day of the renewal of our freedom in order to deepen our appreciation of our independence and to inspire us to preserve and build our State.

The crowd was estimated at between four and five thousand — the largest ever yet to attend the Mount Herzl ceremony. Hamekasher buses of half a dozen lines were converted into "Mount Herzl specials," but arrangements for the return trip left something to be desired. Considerable confusion was created when passengers queued up in front of empty buses, only to be disappointed when the buses moved on without loading and took on passengers further up the road.

'No Surrender of Israel's Rights'

The State is half-way towards the peak of economic stability but the second half of the ascent is more difficult than the first, the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, said in his Independence Day broadcast last night.

In a sombre review of political dangers facing the State, the Prime Minister declared that there is no possibility of surrender of Israel's rights and liberties. "We must not be alarmed if anyone ... seeks to prophesy territorial cuts and the return of the refugees. Such prophesies have not been realized in the past nor are they likely to be in the future."

"Three tasks confronted the State immediately upon its creation and persist to this day," Mr. Sharett said. "The ingathering of the exiles and their integration; the development of the land and the attainment of a sound economy; the safeguarding of security and the consolidation of our independence.

"Immigration is as much a need of the country as it is of the Diaspora. It is required by us in order to grow and become stronger so that we may defend ourselves with greater might and make the desolate places of the land flourish with greater energy. Immigration is vital for the security and future of the masses of our brethren whose status is insecure and whose very existence is threatened.

"Much has been done to absorb the great streams of immigration that came in the first years of our statehood. Most encouraging results have been attained, but the process is still continuing. Great effort and investment are still required to place these masses on a sound and productive economic footing. Meanwhile, the tide of immigration has risen again.

Free Immigration

"During the seventh year of the State's existence, there were indications of an unfreezing of the deadlock on Jewish emigration from Eastern Europe. However, the number of immigrants from these countries is still very small. While we welcome this easing of the situation, we cannot be satisfied with it. Our hope is fixed on the day when the right of every Jew to immigrate to the homeland of his people will be recognized.

"It is not sufficient for us to be a larger nation. We must be one nation. We shall not attain the complete consolidation of our security or the full expansion of our creativity, either in our economy or culture, — and certainly not the shaping of the spiritual image of our people according to the best of our historic heritage — so long as we do not wipe out from our midst the barriers between classes, communities and various groups of immigrants, if we do not prevail over differences of origin, education and tradition.

"We have made great and successful efforts to advance the upbuilding of the country and consolidate our national economy. The Development Budget and the entire economy have profited constructively from the American grant-in-aid and the Independence and Development Loans. The national debt in foreign currency has been consolidated thanks to a special effort of American Jewry. Further, the Reparations Agreement with the Government of the German Federal Republic — which has been

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President Calls on World Jewry To Help Absorb Newcomers

A call to the nation and to "our brethren the world over" to asssist in the absorption of "many newcomers" who are about to come to Israel, was made by President Ben-Zvi in his Independence Day message broadcast over Kol Yisrael last night. The prime factors which can contribute towards the achievement of this task:

1) Education — the training of the young generation and the teaching of Hebrew to adults;
2) Government — the Government must raise the standard of living and culture of those coming from backward countries; and
3) The Army—an instrument of defence and an "educational medium of the greatest national importance."

The full text of the message follows:

On this, the seventh anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, I send my warmest greetings to all who dwell in our land and to the whole House of Israel.

The past year has, like previous years, been one of toil, struggle and sacrifice. Much indeed has been achieved. It was granted to us to fulfil in some measure the prophetic command, "Enlarge the place of thy dwelling," by expanding the absorptive capacity of our country. Immigration, which in recent years had declined, has increased again. We shall shortly witness the arrival of many newcomers who are anxious to find a home, freedom and security in our midst and are ready to contribute their share to the upbuilding of our State.

It is the duty of the State of Israel, its Government and its citizens, to assist in the absorption of these immigrants, to give them roots in our land, and to weld those widely diversified elements into one united people. To this end, we look forward to the continued cooperation of our brethren the world over whose efforts have been truly magnificent.

Three factors can contribute in decisive measure to the achievement of that end.

The first is education. It is for the State to provide such a training to the young generation — those born in our midst and those coming from abroad — that will enable them to work the land and to defend it. We have this year conducted the first nation-wide experiment teaching Hebrew to adults. Although this first effort has yielded significant results, it can be of value only if it is continued and extended. This calls for devoted and persevering volunteers. It is for our older settlers to respond to this urgent call.

The second factor in building and uniting our people is government — legislative, executive and judiciary arms — government based on justice and equality in accordance with the democratic principle first enunciated by our great Law-giver: "One statute shall be for thee and for the stranger in thy midst." Our government must be one serving all the people, those who work in agriculture and those who derive their living from industry, those who

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Diplomats Wish Israel Well

M. Pierre Eugene Gilbert, the French Ambassador and Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, led his colleagues yesterday afternoon in paying their respects to the President on the occasion of Israel's seventh Independence Day.

M. Gilbert, speaking on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps expressed the keen sympathy with which they had watched Israel's development over seven years and their conviction that the country would ultimately achieve the peace, happiness and well-being for which it yearned.

The following Ambassadors were present: M. Gilbert of France; Mr. A. Abramov, of Russia; Mr. J.W. Nicholls and Mr. E.B. Lawson of the U.S.

The following Ministers: M. E.J.S. Du Bois of Belgium; Mr. G.W. Boissevain of the Netherlands; Dr. F. Hegg of Switzerland; Mr. J. Vukmanovic of Yugoslavia, Mr. G. Zenguilekov of Bulgaria, Mr. N. Tabajara de Olivei of Brazil; Mr. T. Kala, Charge d'Affiaires of Finland; Mr. A.S. Viachos, Diplomatic Representative of Greece.

The following Charges d'Affaires: Mr. G.P. Kidd of Canada; Mr. E.J. Mendes Puig of Argentina; Mr. H.W. Bullock of Australia; Mr. I. Pricop of Rumania, Mr. K. Joo of Hungary, Mr. E. Jobanek of Czechoslovakia; Mr. E. Cristi of Chile; Mr. L. Vottafavi of Italy; Mr. J. Slowikowski of Poland; Mr. I. Graners of Sweden; Mr. N.N. Akinci of Turkey.

Congratulatory telegrams on the occasion of Independence Day were received by the President yesterday from the Heads of State of the U.S., the U.S.S.R., France, Yugoslavia, Greece, Siam, San Salvador, Rumania, Sweden and Switzerland.

Anniversary Marked Widely Abroad

Israel's Independence Day is being marked abroad with celebrations including meetings, dinners and receptions with the participation of Jewish and non-Jewish personalities.

British Jewry started a week-long celebration of Israel's seventh anniversary with a pageant presented on Monday night by Zionist youth organizations at which Mr. Barnett Janner, M.P., spoke. Chief Rabbi I. Brodie addressed a service held in St. John's Wood Synagogue, while Dr. Gaon, Haham of the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation, spoke at a dinner organized by the Mizrahi Federation.

In Washington the House minority leader, Mr. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., predicted last night that in years to come, Israel will make a mark "as great in modern as in ancient times." At a dinner, he said "As an American, I am proud to pay my tribute to the young nation."

Six thousand persons participated in an Independence Day rally in Capetown. A youth group presented a pageant of Jewish history.

A new building of the Israel Consulate-General in Montreal was dedicated yesterday at a ceremony held there. The building was acquired through the aid of the city's Jewish community.

In Santiago, Chile, Mr. James McDonald, the first U.S. Ambassador to Israel arrived to participate in anniversary celebrations. Chilean radio stations broadcast a programme devoted to Independence Day.

JOURNALISTS' BALL

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett, the Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, Major General E. L. Burns, the British Ambassador, Mr. John W. Nicholls, and senior officials of the Government attended the annual ball of the Jerusalem Journalists Association held last night at the King David Hotel.

'Trust in God, Keep Powder Dry'—Herzog

"Let us strengthen to the utmost our security forces and trust in God" — this was the theme of Chief Rabbi I. Herzog's Independence Day message, delivered last night as the thanksgiving service held at the Yeshurun synagogue, Jerusalem, and relayed over Kol Yisrael.

The Chief Rabbi dwelt on the growing political isolation of Israel, despite her earnest and sincere desire for peace with her neighbours. We had become, as prophetically foretold, "a people that dwelt alone." But we were not alone. Divine Providence which had redeemed us in our day would continue to protect us in the future, he said.

The Chief Rabbi particularly recommended the example of the kings of ancient Israel, who always kept their armed forces in the best fighting trim, paid tribute to the fallen and concluded with a call for repentance and the full realization of the Messianic promise.

Holiday Proclaimed on Mt. Zion

Independence Day was proclaimed on Mt. Zion at a special ceremony yesterday afternoon.

The ceremony included a memorial service, prayers for the welfare of the State and the President, the proclamation itself read out by the Director General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, Dr. S.Z. Cahana, the placing of the seventh crown on David's tomb and the hanging of an Independence Day curtain to the Ark, designed by the artist Ben-Uri.

KEEP COOL

The official weather forecast for today is "Cool, with possibility of scattered showers, particularly in the North."

Weizmann, Engel, Hos Prizes Awarded

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mayor Haim Levanon tonight distributed three of the annual municipal prizes—the Weizmann Prize for Science, the Engel Prize for Music, and the Dov Hos Prize for Aviation and Physical Culture. The Bialik Prize for Literature was not distributed, as scheduled, because the Writers' Association objected to the ceremony being held at the Museum and not at the Bialik House, as usual.

The IL1,000 Weizmann Prize was divided between Prof. Michael Zohary, of the Hebrew University, for his book on "Geobotany," and Dr. David Shapiro, of the Weizmann Institute. An honourable mention was given to Prof. A. Fodor, who had held the first Chair of Natural Science at the University.

The IL.850 Engel rize was divided between Mr. A.A. Boskovitz, the composer, for his concerto for flute and orchestra; Dr. Max Brod, the composer and author, who reached the age of 70, and Mr. M.S. Geshuri, for the first volume of his study "The Tune and the Dance of the Hasidim." The Alkoni Prize for vocal composition was awarded to Yoel Weiba, among whose works the cantata "Sabbath Thanksgivings" was given special mention.

Three stipends to aviation cadets will be awarded out of the Dov Hos Prize funds. There will also be two stipends to graduates of the Tel Aviv Institute of Physical Culture, and an award to Mrs. Uriel Akavia for her books on children's games.

Nation Remembers War Dead

Jerusalem Post Staff

The sounding of sirens throughout the country at seven o'clock yesterday morning proclaimed the commencement of Remembrance Day. Memorial lamps were lit at military cemeteries and at military sections of civil cemeteries which were visited by groups of schoolchildren throughout the day. Flags were lowered to half-mast on government and municipal buildings. The day came to an end with two minutes of silence at 6:28 p.m.

The plaintive strains of *El Male Rahamim* chanted sonorously by an unidentified cantor, intermingled with the subdued sobbing of bereaved parents, yesterday afternoon at the Military Cemetery on Mt. Herzl where the nation paid homage to its war dead on Remembrance Day.

Wreathes Placed

After the *kaddish* was recited by Rav-Seren Shmuel Eliezeri, a chapiain, Sgan-Aluf Yosef Carmel, the President's Aide, placed the President's wreath before the eternal light. He was followed by Mr. Berl Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, and by representatives of Army units, institutions and the Jerusalem Municipality.

"Seven years have passed," Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Development, who lost a daughter in the War, told the mourners, "and we meet again in common sorrow to recall the memory of the fallen."

Seven years have passed since they made the supreme sacrifice, he continued. We hoped that by now peace would reign, but, to our great regret, this has not come about. The neighbouring countries must learn wisdom and know we shall not abandon this country. "We will never surrender our independence or the achievements made possible by their sacrifice," he vowed.

"We have done much, but much remains to be done. We must develop and strengthen the country and guarantee its security "so that their deeds will not have been in vain."

As he finished speaking, the honour guard opened ranks, and the first rank raised its rifles to fire three volleys, ending the ceremony.

Military Precision

The ceremony went off with military precision from its commencement at 1 p.m. until its conclusion 20 minutes later.

Two Jerusalem Hagana veterans with fixed bayonets stood guard for 12 hours over the memorial flame burning brightly in a steel helmet mounted on the electric pylon in front of the Generali building yesterday.

The State Emblem had been affixed to the pole over the flame, and the National Flag was flying a half mast. The decorated Government and public buildings flanking the square on three sides gave an impressive frame to the memorial. The guard of honour, consisting of veteran Jerusalem residents in khaki, was changed every hour.

Throughout the day, primary school children were taken to the memorial, and their teachers explained to them the significance of the memorial flame and Remembrance Day. The Minister of Education and Culture, Prof. B.Z. Dinur broadcast to schools at noon on the meaning of the Day.

The flame had been kindled at a special ceremony on Mt. Zion and later was taken under solemn escort to the memorial square.

At dusk, the flame was extinguished, the flag raised to full mast and the guard of honour formally dismissed, marking the beginning of Independence Day.

In Tel Aviv hundreds of parents and relatives of men and women who fell in the War of

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With deep sorrow, we announce the sudden passing away of our dearest husband, father, brother, brother-in-law and cousin

Levy Pevzner, Engineer

The funeral will leave the P.E.C. power house, 16 Rehov Hahashmal, Tel Aviv, at 2.45 p.m., Thursday April 28.

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Social & Personal

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett yesterday entertained to lunch Mrs. Flora Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Samuel, Mr. Bernard Cherrick, Miss Suzan Brecher, Mr. Reuven Shiloah and Mr. and Mrs. Peretz Lesham.

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A reception was held on Sunday, April 24, at the home of Mrs. I.H. Herzog, wife of the Chief Rabbi, in honour of Mrs. H. Landy, Chairman of Mizrahi Women's Organization of Great Britain and Ireland. Among the guests were leading members of the community.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. A. Sandauer, the Polish-Jewish writer, for the anniversary festivities marking 100 years since the death of the Polish poet, Adam Mickiewicz, from Paris; Mr. H. Shapiro, Mayor of Miami, Florida, heading a group of 15 Miamians for Independence Day and a tour of the country under the auspices of Patra, from Paris; Mr. L. Sherman, a leading member of the Histadrut Appeal in the U.S. as a guest of the Histadrut, from Paris; Dr. A. Rosenfeld, Director of the World Hebrew Union, from a mission in South America (by Air France); Mr. George Edelstein, Vice-President of Ampal in the U.S. and a director of Rassco (by KLM); Mr. Lena Kay, active Ampal worker in Detroit (by BAS); Mr. David Pessen, to take up his position as lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at the Technion; Mr. Raymond Walliet, noted French banker and Chairman of the Keren Hayesod United Israel Campaign in France, for a short visit.

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DEPARTURES: Dr. F. E. Shinnar, Head of the Reparations Mission in Cologne, for Dusseldorf; Mr. Maline Mollerov, First Secretary of the Bulgarian Legation, on the conclusion of his tour of duty (by SAS); Dr. A. Syngalowski, World President of ORT and Mr. Max Braude, its general Director, for Geneva, (by Swissair); Mr. Julius Gellner, who directed The Tea House of the August Moon and King Lear for Habimah, for London (by El Al).

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Mr. H.C. Katz, the Austrian commercial delegate in Israel, returned from Vienna on Tuesday morning by Swissair.

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Rabbi L. Teitelbaum, the Hassidic "Admor" of Sassow arrived on Monday night from New York for a two-month visit. He was welcomed by a crowd of several hundred, including many rabbis, heads of various Yeshivot and delegations in the Rabbinical Institutions in the country. Yesterday, Rabbi Teitelbaum and his party arrived in Jerusalem where they are staying with Rabbi Bernstein of Rehov Mesaliat Yesharim.

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The Director of the National Insurance Institute, Dr. Giora Lotan, will leave for the U.S. tomorrow to represent Israel at the session of the U.N. Social Committee due to open on May 2. During his absence, the Assistant Director, Mr. Reuven Wolkoff, will act as Director.

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The next meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place on Thursday, April 28, at 1.15 p.m. at the King David Hotel.

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ENGAGEMENT

Mr. David Verschaon, of New York, to Miss Norma Geretz, of Minneapolis, Minn., in Jerusalem, Pessah 5715.

T.A.B. OFFICIAL HERE FOR 2-DAY VISIT

Mr. Bruce Stedman, Executive Officer of the U.N. Technical Assistance Board in U.N. Headquarters, New York, arrived yesterday for a two-day visit.

Mr. Stedman is on a routine inspection tour of U.N. TAB offices in Southeastern Europe and in the Middle East with a view to comparing standards and techniques of technical assistance and to introducing improvements in the light of the experience gained by the U.N.

The visitor stated that the Board regards the TAB programme in Israel as one of the most successful and the Israel Office one of the smoothest.

CHOLERA IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Tuesday (UP). — Forty-three cholera victims were hospitalized here today, leading to fears that one of Calcutta's periodic epidemics of the disease may be on the way.

Municipal authorities ordered mass inoculations in an attempt to head off the outbreak.

Calcutta customarily has a cholera epidemic once every five years, and one is due this year.

Today's Festivities

8.30 a.m. — Independence Day Race starts off from Habima Square, Tel Aviv for Jerusalem
8.45 — Festive services at synagogues attended by Government representatives.
9 — Army parade and Air Force display at Tel Aviv
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9.30 — Presentation of Liberty Bell, Hakirya, Jerusalem
9.45 — Army parade and Air Force display at Afula
10 — Popular cinema performances throughout the country (except Tel Aviv)
10.15 — President's Garden Party at the Kirya garden, Jerusalem.
11 — Receptions by the District Representatives, and Mayors of Haifa, Afula, Beersheba and Ramle
11.10 — Hagana parade, Jerusalem: Russian Compound, Ben Yehuda, King George, Keren Kayemet
12.30 p.m. — Ceremony of pinning Hagana emblems at the Kirya Stadium, Jerusalem and March Past
2.45 — Independence Race reaches Ministry of Education and culture, Rehov Hanevi'im Jerusalem
3 — Football contest for Independence Cup in Jerusalem
3.30 — Distribution of Israel Prizes by the Minister of Education and Culture at Bet Hakerem Seminary, Jerusalem
3.30 — Children's Party, Municipal Garden, King George Avenue, Jerusalem
3.30 — Soccer Game, Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem
4.15 — Flag of Jerusalem presented to Marathon winners, Ministry of Education, Rehov Hanevi'im.
4.30 — Main military parade at Ramat Gan Stadium and presentation of Independence Standards to settlements that took part in the War of Independence
4.30 — Dance parade in Haifa
6 — Reception by Jerusalem District Representative
8 — Reception by Tel Aviv Mayor and District Representative
8 — Public showing of films of Government Information and Civic Education Services.
9 — Soldiers' parties arranged by Soldiers' Welfare Committee.

President's Message

(Continued from Page 1)

dwell in towns and those who live in rural areas. We must raise the standard of living and culture among those who hail from backward countries and among the non-Jewish minorities living in our midst, enabling them to share our rights and duties without discrimination. This is a cardinal factor in building our State.

The third factor that can contribute significantly to that end is the Army of Israel. It is not merely an instrument of defence, but also an educational medium of the greatest national importance.

The past year has seen fine progress in the extension of our pioneering work in the Negev — the territory in which our patriarchs roamed thousands of years ago and where the tribes of Israel established themselves anew after the exodus from Egypt. The conquest of the desert, which for centuries has been neglected by its inhabitants, ensures our future in that region.

A significant effort has been made, moreover, to reclaim the mountain region of western Galilee and to establish agricultural settlements along our imperilled borders. The frontier guards of the Army and the Police have rendered yeoman service in maintaining security in these exposed areas.

An important innovation of the past year has been the adopted procedure of sending immigrants straight from the port to their places of settlement. This has obviated makeshift arrangements in transition camps which at times tended to become permanent abodes. This effort, of course, can succeed only if members of older settlements — more especially the younger generation who have struck roots in the country — accompany the immigrants to the new villages in outlying parts of the country and give them help and guidance during these initial stages. What has been done in this direction by volunteer effort is worthy of the highest praise.

We deeply deplore that the present year has not witnessed any improvement in the security position on our borders. There has been no diminution in the danger threatening us from our neighbours. Particularly of late, hardly a day has passed without precious lives being lost in the defence of our land. We treasure their memory, just as we commemorate today our sons and daughters who gave their lives in the War of Independence.

In spite of our warnings concerning the dangerous situation created by the provocative attitude of the Arab States, in spite of our repeatedly declared readiness for peace, conditions have not improved. To our deep regret, no progress has been made on the road to peace in this part of the world. We are still far remote from the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy: "And Israel shall dwell in safety." We are yet at the stage of which it was said: "Alone is the fountain of Jacob." But the progress that has been made since the days of siege and destruction strengthens our hearts. We are confident that in the end we shall reach our goal.

My greetings go out to the citizens of our country, to each and everyone of them, for the success of their efforts, for in building the land they will themselves be rebuilt. I also send warm greetings to all our Jewish brethren wherever they be. May they be strong and courageous in their labours to help in the building of our young State.

I pray that the Rock of Israel may strengthen their hands and ours and that we may all be privileged to witness the progressive rise of Israel and the gathering of her sons from near and far. May peace and truth reign in this world, between us and our neighbours, and among all nations of the world.

ARMY HALTS RELEASE OF BARANES

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — After a military magistrate today had ordered the provisional release of Andre Baranes, left-wing journalist arrested last October on charges of disclosing defence secrets, the military prosecutor appealed against his decision. M. Baranes will remain in prison until a decision is taken later this month.

M. Baranes, a North African, was one of the three principal figures in the alleged leakage of secrets from meetings of the National Defence Council to the Communist Party.

GROUNDED

GROUNDED.—The tanker British Crown grounded near the entrance to the Suez Canal yesterday, delaying traffic. The 18,570-ton tanker is owned by the British Tanker Company.

AFRICAN CHILDREN BARRED FROM SCHOOL

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday (UP). — Hundreds of African schoolchildren were barred from further school education today. Native Affairs Minister H.F. Verwoerds decreed that all students who failed to attend class in protest against the Bantu Education Act are banned from admittance again.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
822, 940, 33.5 & 49.9 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.36 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. Programme for Factory Workers (Haifa). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. (3.00 Requests (R). 1.45 Opera (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Mif'al Hap'ayis Draw. 4.30 Light Music (T.A.). 4.50 Where to Go (Jerusalem). 5.00 Mif'al Hap'ayis Draw. 5.15 Child's Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Concert Hall: Fantasy on Fortoiski's Horn (Edel); "The Tribes of Israel" (Sternberg). 7.35 From the world of Music. 8.00 Press Conference. 9.15 Bible Reading. 9.45 "Jewish Music Month." 9.15 Psalm recital: Ilona Vinese-Krava. 9.30 Variety Programme. 10.10 Melodies by Zvi Ben Yosef. 10.45 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor & Arranger: Klaus Pringsheim: Three Japanese Dances. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
491, 468, 235, 216, 49.3 & 32.5 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m.
French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL HOR LAGOLA (32.5 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 Newsreel. 6.50 Jewish Music Month. 7.15 Close Down. 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Newsreel. 11.35 Jewish Music Month.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 235 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Fantasy. 7.00 Songs. 7.30 5 Armies. 8.03 Literature Corner. 8.30 News. 8.45 Classical Request Programme: Works by Sibelius & Khatchatourian. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 16.86, 19.43 & 25.15 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Curtain Up.

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"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the Government Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition 10-1, 4-6.
Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the Southern of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.). 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.
Film Show: — Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.
Reception: — Jerusalem Sports Club. 11 a.m.
Tours:— Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta. 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

Theatre: — Cameri Theatre, "Casabian." Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Cameri Theatre, "Pygmalion." Cameri Theatre Hall, 8 p.m. Habimah, "King Lear." Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m.
Dajgan and Schumacher in "Lacht Gesunderheit." Ohel Shem, 8.30 p.m.
Concerts: Shoshana Damari, Zsadikov Choir and others. Z.O.A. House Open Air Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.
Exhibitions— Ayala & Sam Zacks Collection of 20th Century French Art. Museum, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

HAIFA

Independence Day Show. Photographs of the Tombs in the Kidron Valley. Municipal Museum, Town Hall. 10-1 4-7.

JAFFA

Theatre:— Yiddische Komedie Theatre, Dina Halpern (guest from U.S.A.) in "Mit Ofene Oign." Givat Aliya, Gai Ron, 8.30 p.m.

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PETAH TIKVA

Theatre:— Habimah. "The Tea House of the August Moon." 8 p.m.

Independence Day Sporting Events

By AKIVA KALMAN

Four sports events form part of the Independence Day celebrations today. The Independence Run from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem will route its way through the Southern Settlements via Beit Dagon, Rishon Le-Zion, Ness Ziona, Rehovot, Akir, Ekron, Hulda, Maamiya Road, the Nahshon crossroads Sha'ar Hagai and Kiryat Anavim, arriving at the Allenby Square in the Capital at about 3.40.

This will be the sixth running of the event, organized by the Physical Training Department, which will start from Habimah Square at 9 a.m. on a signal from the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Haim Levanon. There has been pre-race friction between the sports organizations, who differ on the extent and aims of the Run. Hapoel have contended that the event should be organised on a mass basis, without what they call "Sports Fressing," and political bias. Another difficulty was the lack of funds and the inability of the authorities to aid in this respect.

Only three of the five athletic associations in Israel will take part in the Maccabi and the Betar say they are unable to participate because they did not receive any subsidy from the physical culture division of the Education Department this year. The athletes taking part will represent Hapoel Elizur and Asa.

As in former years there will be a parade of the participants at the end of each stage of the run, when the winner will be presented with a flag or emblem, while the final leg from Kiryat Anavim to Jerusalem will bring the winner of that leg the Jerusalem Flag. In addition the team with the best aggregate over the whole Run will receive the Dinur Prize. These latter two will be presented at the conclusion of the event at the Physical Training Department's Offices in St. Paul's Road at about 4.15 p.m.

Another event in the Capital will be the final for the Jerusalem Cup between the selected football teams of Jerusalem and Petah Tikva on the Y.M.C.A. pitch, kick-off at 3.45 p.m. The Mayor of Natanya has presented a Cup to be fought out for between the local Maccabi and Hapoel sides there, while at Rehovot the finals of the Handball Tournament will be staged between a local selected team and Tel Aviv Selected.

Cricketers Get Jack Penn Trophy

The Southern Section of the Israel Cricket League was presented on Saturday at Ashkelon with the "Jack Penn Trophy," a cup given by Professor Jack Penn, the South African plastic surgeon, by Professor Penn's brother, Louis Penn, to Dr. H. Sonnabend, vice-president of the Israel Cricket Association. Others present at the function, a typical Pickwickian "cricket lunch," were Mr. Harold Hanson, Vice-Chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, and Mr. S. Mauerberger, a South African donor to the Haifa Technion.

During the day, Tel Aviv defeated Ashkelon in the first League game of the season by nine wickets. Batting lamentably, Ashkelon collapsed for the remarkably low score of 17—Green took five wickets for eight runs and Bernie Cohen five for seven, including a hat-trick, all clean bowled. Tel Aviv declared at 181 for 3 wickets (Caminsky hit 83). In the second innings, Ashkelon attacked the bowling with more courage and in rapid time compiled 108 (Gilion 57, Kirby 35). Tel Aviv hit off the runs required with a few minutes to spare.

(P.G.)

American Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB.
Brooklyn	11	3	.846	—
Milwaukee	7	5	.700	3½
St. Louis	6	4	.600	3½
Chicago	7	5	.583	3½
Philadelphia	6	6	.500	4½
New York	4	6	.400	5½
Cincinnati	3	10	.167	8½
Pittsburgh	1	8	.111	8

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB.
Chicago	6	3	.677	—
New York	7	4	.636	—
Boston	7	4	.636	—
Cleveland	6	5	.545	1
Washington	5	5	.500	1½
Detroit	5	5	.500	1½
Kansas City	5	7	.300	3½
Baltimore	3	9	.250	4½

(U.P.)

YAD VASHEM STIPENDS FOR RESEARCH WORK

Yad Vashem has placed IL.4,000 a year at the disposal of the Hebrew University for scholarships for graduates who select an aspect of the destruction of European Jewry as the subject of their Ph.D. thesis. It is hoped in this way to encourage research in the history, process, problems, causes and effects of the destruction.

The scholarships are available for two years (IL.2,000 per annum), and the decision regarding the awards will rest with a committee, composed of the following members: the administrative head of Yad Vashem (or his representative), the Chairman of the University's Institute of Jewish Studies (or his representative) and the teacher at the University responsible for modern Jewish history (or his representative). The first award will be made in October this year to a graduate whose subject of research has been approved by the research scholars committee of the Hebrew University.

It's A Holiday For Bed-Ridden Children, Too

Jerusalem Post Bureau

Seventy sick children, many of them bedridden, are to be popped up in their beds this morning to enjoy a special Independence Day programme in the medical ward of the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. The programme, which includes a skit, songs and music, is to be repeated later for 20 children in the surgical ward.

In the afternoon, those children medically able are to be taken for rides in ambulances and shown Independence Day celebrations.

All patients at Hadassah, Bikur Holim and Sha'arei Zedek hospitals are to be given a festive meal.

Groves May Be Sprayed Against Fly Pest

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Spraying of citrus groves infested with the Mediterranean fruit fly may be made compulsory in order to eradicate this pest which is increasingly damaging Israel agriculture, it is reliably learned. A suggestion to that end has been made by the Citrus Marketing Board and is to be discussed shortly at a special meeting of agricultural experts. In addition, more stringent supervisory measures have recently been introduced in the Decco installations which treat citrus with styiene di-bromide gas before it is shipped abroad.

Fruit fly damage has been particularly heavy this year because of the warm winter season. The fly, which is endemic in most Mediterranean countries, has lately been exported to Central Europe as well, and is harming fruit orchards in Austria and south Bavaria. To prevent its further spread, the most stringent control of imported citrus has been established by the German authorities. However, so far only about 20,000 crates of citrus have been rejected out of the Israel shipments.

At the Cinema

TWO films exhibited in Jerusalem this week are Technicolor remakes of previous productions of the same name.

This time "Magnificent Obsession" (Edison, J'lem) stars Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson and Barbara Rush. Though the acting is good, we wonder whether comparison with the ten greatest love stories in human history is not an overstatement, to say the least. The characters are dripping with magnanimity: too good to be true.

Maugham Story

ROBERT Newton is drunken Ted Wilson on the tropical island of Baru, where a new Resident-in-charge has just arrived to lock him up, in W. Somerset Maugham's "The Beachcomber" (Arnon, J'lem). Glynis Johns plays Martha Jones, who loathes Ted. There is a surprise ending. Excellent performances and good entertainment. *FRANGO*

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 3.30, 6.45 and 8.45 p.m.

ARNON: The Beachcomber.
EDEN: Kiss Me Kate.
EDISON: Magnificent Obsession.
ORION: The Robe (2nd week).
ORNA: "Les Orgueilleux".
ORGIL: Bread, Love and Fantasy (2nd week).
RON: Wife for a Night.
STUDIO: "La Femme du Boulanger" (2nd week).
TEL OR: Gambling House.
ZION HALL: Knock on Wood (3rd and last week).

TEL AVIV
At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Verdi (9th week).
CHEN: Hans Christian Anderson (3rd week).
ESTHER: Rhapsody (5th week).
MOGRABI: King of the Khyber Rifles.
MATMID: A Gun In His Hand. Continuous from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
OPHIR: Hill 35 Doesn't Answer (4th week).
ORION: So This is Love.
TAMAR: "Persiane Chiuse". Also Continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.

HAIFA

MORIAH: Lili (2nd week).
AMPHITHEATRE: River of No Return.
ARMON: "Texas Lisco".
EN DOR: The Jungles.
ORION: Saskatchewan.
GAL OR: The Great Sinner (2nd week. Matinee: Silver City.
ONLY: Stars of the Russian Ballet.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post, April 27, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Criminal Appeal
Before the President (Justice Olshan), Justices Goitein and Sussman

Gabriel Zitron, Appellant, v. The Attorney-General, Respondent (Cr. A. 60/55).

Ex-Convicts' Unhappy Lot

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a verdict of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on February 10, 1955 (C. C. 820/54 etc.)

Gabriel Zitron, aged 22, had been found guilty by Judge Kenet of the Tel Aviv District Court of having, in September and October of 1954, broken into the Ramat Aviv Hotel and stolen liquor and cigarettes; into a shop in Raanana and stolen, among other things, chocolates, sweets and chewing-gum; and into a flat in Even Yehuda and stolen a watch and money. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for each of the offences, the sentences to run concurrently.

Zitron appealed against the conviction and the severity of the sentence to the Supreme Court before which he appeared on his own behalf, eloquently pleading his cause. He told the court that he had started his career of crime when he was 17 or 18. After having been released from prison, he had tried to return to a normal, productive life. But his efforts, he said, were thwarted by the police who used to visit him at his place of work whenever any crime was committed and interrogate him. This had lowered his standing in the eyes of the company he kept and had made a bad impression on his employer. As a result of these visits by the police, he had been dismissed from his job and left without any means of subsistence, having perforce to revert back to crime in order to get money for food.

Mr. Bar-Or, Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the Attorney-General.

Judgment

The Supreme Court, in a judgment delivered by Justice Olshan, felt that it was very likely that the appellant's complaints were true, but that they could not influence the result of the appeal, since the problem of the police force's attitude of suspicion towards ex-convicts was a general one and not confined to the appellant alone. The court did not think that this attitude on the part of the police was based on any particular hostility towards ex-convicts and even considered it possible that in many cases their suspicions were well-founded. But they did consider the problem to be an extremely serious one and one to which the authorities concerned would do well to give their earnest attention.

In holding that there was not sufficient justification for allowing the appeal or for mitigating the sentence the court added a recommendation to those social workers who work amongst prisoners to give their attention and their consideration to the case of the appellant and, after examining the position, to see whether it would be possible to find some means of improving his lot.

Judgment given on April 24, 1955.

Hot Work Selling Ice in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Ice distribution is becoming hot work in Haifa. The icemen who, just two years ago, used to find their customers waiting in queues, now have a tough job selling their blocks at all.

Extra work is the result of the towns expansion which makes the icemen's route longer. At the same time purchases are falling off because more persons have electric refrigerators. An average of six to seven per cent less ice is now being sold in the town, while in the Hadar and Mount Carmel districts, consumption has fallen by 20-30 per cent in some neighbourhoods.

The sale of the comparatively low-priced absorption refrigerators has specially put paid to the ice block. Since they can now be bought on the instalment plan their sale is growing rapidly.

Altogether, there are about 80 icemen in Haifa. Some of them paid big sums for the goodwill for their routes, when ice was still "in fashion." Now they find it very hard to ammortize their outlay.

The 14 ice factories here are expected to work only 10-11 hours daily during this summer, compared to their round the clock operations two years ago.

The ice man earns 150 pruta on each 380 pruta block.

Price of Paints May Rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The price of most locally manufactured paints may go up markedly, if a proposal by the Ministry of Trade and Industry to impose a 25 per cent customs duty on zinc oxide is approved. Paint industry representatives said today that zinc oxide formed from five to 60 per cent of their finished products, and that the proposed duty aimed at protecting local zinc oxide manufacturers against foreign competition. The quality of local oxide was so unsatisfactory that it was unsuitable for the manufacture of export paints and lacquers which had to compete in foreign markets, they claimed.

NEW, BETTER POLIO VACCINE SAID READY

ATLANTA, Georgia (UP). — Dr. Morris Schaeffer, a public health scientist, said today that a live virus polio vaccine, which may give "more prolonged immunity" than the Salk vaccine, will soon be ready for testing on human volunteers.

Officials of the Communicable Diseases Health Centre were reported "excited about Dr. Schaeffer's work," but said that they did not want to take any credit away from Dr. Jonas Salk who "broke the ice." The vaccine has already been tested on monkeys.

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1,000,000 FRENCH francs allegedly were found in the possession of Avraham Dehan, of Jerusalem, who was arrested yesterday in Jerusalem. He was released on IL1,000 bail.

Hermann

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Comparatively cool, partly cloudy with possibility of light showers especially in the North.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	16	11	23	17
Tiberias	20	14	30	20
Haifa Port	64	17	21	21
Natanya	67	16	—	21
Tel Aviv Kirya	—	—	—	20
Tel Aviv Port	61	15	21	20
Lydda Airport	39	13	24	20
Jerusalem	20	12	23	19
Beersheba	17	10	22	20
Eilat	27	16	21	20
Sdom	—	18	—	20

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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BAKING WILL be permitted during Saturday night, the Ministry of Labour has announced.

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TWO WOMEN'S Clubs have been opened in border settlements by Wizo during the past two days — one on Sunday in Shuval 5, and the other in Ahuzam yesterday. Both settlements are northwest of Beersheba. A third club will be opened in Yad Natan on Saturday.

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FOR PASSING a car on a "blind curve," Amnon Gutkin, an Eshed driver, yesterday had his licence revoked for three months, was fined IL.75 and given a two-month suspended sentence by the Jerusalem Magistrate, Mr. Y. Dazak.

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ALL BUILDING materials blocking Jerusalem roads and pavements are to be removed from May 6 by the Municipality which is to charge the contractors for all expenses incurred.

236 Immigrants Come In Time for Holiday

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Tuesday.—The s.s. Jerusalem brought 236 immigrants, most of them from North Africa, this morning, in time to celebrate Israel's seventh birthday. The immigrants were immediately sent to farming settlements and development areas in the North. Among the North African newcomers was a group of 28 children, who were taken to Youth Aliya institutions.

A group of 16 immigrants from Hungary also came in the ship. Nine of them, members of three families, had been employed by the Israel Legation in Budapest.

Another arrival from Hungary was 28-year-old Mrs. G. Donat and her seven-year-old child. Mrs. Donat had originally come to Israel as an "illegal" immigrant in 1947, and left again for Hungary in 1951. Her husband remained here. Once in Hungary, she decided to return to Israel and after some time managed to get the exit visa. Five elderly persons, aged from 59 to 75, who are joining relatives also arrived from Hungary.

A dozen immigrants from Britain and two from Mexico were among the newcomers.

WIZO Visitors Watch Immigrants Arrive

HAIFA, Tuesday. — An unexpected form of welcome awaited the 145 British WIZO women, who arrived here in the s.s Jerusalem this morning. The group is to tour the country and to attend the opening of the WIZO Baby Creche in Jerusalem on May 5.

The women were up bright and early, and took breakfast at 7 a.m. The ship tied up in port at 9 a.m. Though eager to disembark, the women had a chance to study the first steps of immigrant absorption when the authorities decided to get the 236 immigrants off the ship immediately, instead of first allowing the tourists to disembark, as is usual. The step was taken to get the newcomers to their new farm homes before the Independence Day celebrations interfere with transport arrangements.

When the visitors started down the extremely steep gangway, (the longest in the port because of the height of the bulkhead), they had difficulty because of their high heels and because they had to carry their own handluggage. One woman felt the last few steps of the gangway. No steward stood at the foot of the gangway to help.

The other tourists included a group of 140 from Casablanca, half of them "middle class" visitors who will stay here for several weeks to look into the chances of bringing their money and settling here. The tour was initiated by the Jewish Agency's Economic Department. They were met by a representative of the Department.

Levanon Fighting Election Vandals

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mayor Haim Levanon convened a special meeting with the Tel Aviv police commander, and heads of Municipal departments this morning to discuss steps to prevent the disfiguring of the walls and streets of the city with election posters. As a result of the meeting, the police and the Municipality will increase their vigilance to ensure that posters are affixed only on the special hoardings made available, and all others will be immediately torn down.

The Mayor has invited representatives of all the parties to meet him on Thursday with regard to the election propaganda and to avoid causing public annoyance with loudspeakers.

$100m. RAISED IN BONDS

One hundred and ninety million dollars have been raised in State of Israel Bonds since the Bond Drive was launched on Independence Day four years ago, the Bond Organization announced yesterday.

Singing, Dancing Crowds Fill Streets

Gadna Units In Torch Parades

Jerusalem Post Staff

Joyous crowds, singing, dancing and just making merry filled the main streets of the cities and towns of Israel last night on the declaration of the seventh Independence Day at 6.30 p.m. when the two minute's silence in memory of those who fell in the War of Independence, ended.

An estimated 50,000 to 60,000 Jerusalemites crammed the capital's "triangle" Jaffa, Ben Yehuda and King George Streets. The Municipal Commissioners provided light for the streets which were nearly as bright as day. Dancing to music blaring from loudspeakers continued into the early hours of the morning.

Long rows of torches, carried by 800 boys and girls, flared through Jaffa Road and King George Avenue as the Jerusalem Division of Gadna marched last night from Binyanei Ha'ooma to the Yeshurun synagogue.

Three resounding cheers greeted the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi who arrived by car to join the spectators watching an exhibition by a Gadna dance group.

Jerusalem's Independence Day fireworks last night went off with the biggest "peaceful bang" heard in Jerusalem for a long time. From a basis in the centre of the Mamillah park, Army pyrotechnicians sent up a lavish starry display illuminating the area. The spectators' only regret was that the display was so short.

Levanon Opens Festivities

In Tel Aviv, Mayor Levanon inaugurated the festivities in the country's largest city with a brief speech to citizens and the many thousands of visitors who filled Herbert Samuel Square to overflowing.

Then followed a torchlight parade of hundreds of Gadna youth, proudly marching to the beat of their own drum and bugle band. No sooner had the parade passed than spontaneous dancing broke out, spreading to other parts of the city for the rest of the night. Long after midnight, municipal workers were cleaning the streets and replacing the rope barriers in preparation for the big parade this morning.

A Gadna parade also led off Haifa's celebrations at Gan Hasikaron, opposite the Town Hall after a brief memorial service. Mayor Abba Khoushy, flanked by the town's dignitaries, representatives of synagogues, churches, mosques, and army and police officers, presided over the service and then declared the day's festivities open.

The Municipal Children's Band led Gadna formations through the main streets. The town was entertained to a fireworks display and by illuminated kites launched by Gadna air cadets, while naval vessels fired salutes.

Many Arabs in Crowd

Acre's Mayor Mr. Y. Gadiah, addressed a crowd of thousands, including many Arabs, in the large square adjoining Napoleon's Hill. A torch procession marched through the town.

Gesher Haziv was the centre of celebration for Western Galilee settlements, and the occasion was utilized for the adoption of a military unit.

About 700 Arab villagers were the guests of the Military Governor in Nazareth. The need for travel permits has been waived for Independence Day, and many otherwise homebound Arab villagers are expected to attend the Forces parade in Afula.

The brief shower of rain which fell in most parts of the country during the evening served merely to cool the air and ease the dancers' fever.

Synagogues in the cities were crowded for services inaugurating Independence Day. At the Yeshurun synagogue in Jerusalem, the Ashkenazi and Sephardi Chief Rabbis gave addresses.

Building Licences Still 'Frozen' in Capital

The issuance of building licences by the Jerusalem Municipality is "frozen" despite an official denial yesterday by the Municipal spokesman, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

The spokesman stated that licences were being issued only under the 1944 law which permitted a maximum of two-and-a-half storeys for a total floor space of 62.5 per cent of the plot area in Rehavia.

Contractors will not agree to build under these conditions, it is learned, since a special committee, representing both the District Town Planning Commission in the Ministry of Interior and the Local Town Planning Commission of the Municipality, recently agreed on much more liberal building regulations.

These provided that three-storey buildings, of a total floor space of 84 per cent, may be erected. At present, 120 building licences under these liberalised regulations are pending.

Israel Scientist Invited To WHO Cancer Parley

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — An Israel scientist has been especially invited to a small meeting of experts being called in Geneva by the World Health Organization to discuss the latter's new activities in the field of cancer research. The scientist is Professor Isaac Berenblum, head of the Experimental Biology Department at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

The W.H.O. cancer conference is designed to establish ways and means by which the W.H.O. may play a more active role in this field, especially in the exchange and dissemination of scientific information, the stimulation and coordination of research, and assistance in education and training.

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scrupulously fulfilled — has been most valuable.

"Nevertheless, much work still lies ahead and our path in the future is fraught with obstacles. If we compare ourselves to a man scaling a steep mountain, we have come half-way. But as long as we have not reached the summit—in other words, the peak of economic stability—we may yet slip back. We must also be aware that the second half of the ascent is steeper and more difficult than the first.

"The entire public must be concerned with our future, and every individual must fully understand and carry out his obligations.

"In the realm of security and foreign affairs, we are constantly confronted with severe trials. The harvest of blood on our borders is never-ending. Designs of revenge against us are unceasing. The strength of our enemies is in the open-hand: decisive world factors tend to strengthen them still further. In addition to physical steps on our land frontiers, there are trends to isolate us politically and internationally in which many diverse elements are involved. Around us resound slogans directed against the integrity of our country and the very existence of the State.

"We shall meet whatever comes with strong spirit, with constant preparedness and vigilance, militarily as well as politically. As in the past, so now in the future the power and quality of the Israel Defence Forces are the basic guarantees of our existence. They will stand by us in war if anyone should again impose it upon us; without the Armed Forces we shall not attain peace.

"At the same time we shall stand firm on the political front against any infringement of the status, rights and liberties of the State and determination of the composition of its population which are fundamentals of sovereignty on which no surrender is possible. We must not be alarmed, if anyone, either in the West or in the East, whether by implication or explicitly, seeks to prophesy territorial cuts and the return of refugees. Such prophesies have not been realized in the past nor are they likely to be in the future.

"Our isolation in the world will never be absolute. The Jewish people in those countries where they are free to raise their voice and express themselves stand at our side. Among the nations of the world, too, there are scattered points of political and moral support for us. We shall strengthen every existing friendship and strive for new associations in Europe, in America, in Asia and in all other parts of the globe. There are circles and individuals in the great democracies of the United States, Britain and France who under no circumstances would desire a weakening of Israel's position or any endangering of its existence.

"Much depends on our own powers. In an emergency, everything may depend on us. In the long run, much will also depend on our moral position and spiritual quality. Our longing has always been to make our material existence the basis for a great spiritual creation in which the genius of Israel will be renewed. By our wish or no, we are called upon to justify ourselves in the light of the ideals of the prophets of Israel. It is not only in making good the sufferings of an ancient people throughout the ages, but in the social content of our national vision for the future—in that lies the universal significance of the renaissance and revival of our people."

Going to Garden Party?

Special buses will take guests to the President's garden party in Gan Hakirya in Jerusalem this morning. They will leave from in front of the Allenby Cafe, the Rehavia Cafe and the National Institutions Building, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Motorists with parking permits should approach via Rehov Ramban and Ruppin Road to the parking area. Those with parking permits marked with two stripes should approach via Sderot Herzl and Ruppin Road.

Traffic Rules for Afula

Due to the Military parade in Afula, traffic will not be permitted on the main streets of the town and the Megiddo-Afula road between the Megiddo Police Station and Afula. Residents of the Jezreel Valley may travel along the Jerusalem-Road and may proceed along the Beisan-Afula Road. Vehicles proceeding from Beisan to Haifa must bypass Afula.

10 Injured When Bus Overturns

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Ten persons were slightly injured when the Egged bus in which they were travelling from Tivon to Haifa overturned early this morning at a sloping curve near Sha'ar Ha'amakim. The injured were taken to the Rothschild Hospital here and six were sent home after being given first aid. The other four are not in serious condition and will be discharged tomorrow, it was reported from the hospital this evening.

JUST SOCIETY SAID INDEPENDENCE AIM

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The establishment of a just society was the ultimate aim of independence, Mr. P. Rosen, the Minister of Justice, said today. He was speaking at the opening ceremony of the Progressive Party club here.

The State of Israel was conceivable only as a parliamentary democracy, Mr. Rosen continued.

He said that the freedom of the individual should be increased to the extent that the public welfare permitted it. "That is what our party has stood for during the past seven years," Mr. Rosen declared.

Nation Remembers War Dead

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Independence went on a pilgrimage to the military section of the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery yesterday afternoon.

As a military Guard of Honour presented arms, the assembly stood to attention. The Chief Army Cantor, Sgan Aluf A. Weinberger, intoned "El Malei Rahamim," which was interrupted by sobbing. The Military Chaplain of the Central Command said kaddish.

At the conclusion of the religious service, the Minister of the Interior, Mr. I. Rokach, laid a wreath from the Government near the Eternal Light. Two women soldiers placed the Israel Defence Army's wreath and Mayor Levanon on behalf of the Tel Aviv Municipality.

PETAH TIKVA: — A memorial to the sons of Ein Ganim was unveiled in the presence of parents of the fallen, and leaders of the community. The Mayor, Mr. P. Rashish, spoke.

HAIFA: — The War Dead were honoured at a memorial service in the military cemetery in which the bereaved parents, the Minister of Transport, Mr. J. Saphir, the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Y. Nussbaum and senior Army and police officers took part.

A delegation from schools placed wreaths at the Memorial Corner at Gan Hazicharon.

NAHARIYA: — The memorial service was attended by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Naftali.

HADERA: — A memorial plaque in honour of 56 local citizens who fell in the War of Independence was unveiled in the presence of parents of the fallen, Councillors, and many residents. Simultaneously, a memorial in the "yad lebanim" building, now being erected, was consecrated.

TIBERIAS: — The Mayor, Mr. M. Sachar, bereaved parents Gadna units and pupils from local schools stood in silence during the service at the Military Cemetery. In the afternoon a memorial plaque was unveiled in honour of the 10 graduates and one teacher of the Tiberias Ehrlich School who fell in the War. The pupils brought with them a torch that was lighted beside the Syriah tank outside Degania Aleph.

Two postal workers of Tiberias who fell in the War were honoured by a library in their name, opened at the Post Office building. The books were donated by the two families and the colleagues of the two fallen soldiers.

DEGANIA ALEPH: — About 300 parents and members of the families of the fallen attended a memorial service. The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Joseph Efrati, represented the Government. Many wreaths were laid on the graves in the Military Cemetery.

ROSH PINA: — Parents, the District Representative, Mr. Shlomo Har-Even, Mr. David Bar-Rav-Hay, M.K. and representatives of Upper Galilee settlements gathered for the memorial service at the Military Cemetery. Wreaths were laid at the graves and an Army unit fired three volleys over the graves.

REHOVOT: Two mothers who had each lost two sons in the War of Independence unveiled a memorial in the Labour School in memory of 21 former pupils who fell in the War.

In the military plot of the cemetery, a Remembrance Service was held, attended by the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, Town Councillors and representatives of the Army.

Schoolchildren paid tribute at the Weizmann Memorial by laying wreaths, and reading Psalms. Mrs. Chaim Weizmann thanked all those present.

BEERSHEBA: When the sirens announced the beginning of Remembrance Day this morning, the Eternal Light was lit by Dr. Eliyahu Lehmann, of Hadassah, and Mr. David Tuvyahu, Mayor of Beersheba, and Mr. Gershon Ostrovsky, youth leader and halutz, were the first citizens to mount a Guard of Honour over it. The Guard was changed every half hour.

In the evening, the Mayor handed a torch to seven-year-old Yehuda Mizrahi who was born on the first Independence Day. The boy then passed the torch to the representatives of a number of youth movements who lit the torches of 800 young persons who marched in a torchlight parade.

Addressing them, Mr. Tuvyahu said that independence and freedom were divine gifts which both gave us rights and imposed obligations. "Your generation is the one responsible for maintaining the freedom that has been achieved after many generations of slavery and after a bitter struggle," he declared.

KIBBUTZ NEGBA: — A memorial service took place in the cemetery yesterday afternoon. The Egyptian tank which penetrated into the Kibbutz on July 12,1948, and was captured, was unveiled as a memorial to Negba's defenders. The Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, brought a message from the Government.

Airmen's Valour In Judean Hills

A memorial service for airmen who fell in the War of Independence was held at Deir Amar in the Judean Hills yesterday, not far from the spot where Israel's first planes sallied forth to bomb Arab positions threatening Jerusalem's lifeline seven years ago.

The burnt-out relics of an airforce plane whose crew were killed in the War were set up as a monument to the airforce Command.

The Air Attaches of France, Italy and Turkey, the Air and Military Attaches of the U.S. and Great Britain, participated in the ceremony. The Knesset Speaker Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, whose son David fell in an air sortie against Egyptian naval vessels outside Tel Aviv at the Remembrance Torch. The Airforce Commander, Aluf Dan Tolkowsky, and the Chief Chaplain of the Airforce paid tribute to the fallen.

Among those present were the former Chief of Staff Dr. Yigael Yadin whose brother fell in the same action as David Sprinzak, and representatives of "Yad Labanim."

SEAMAN HIT 'SECRECY' OF LABOUR TALKS

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Secretariat of the Seaman's Union came under heavy fire at a stormy meeting today of officers and men who critized the alleged secrecy surrounding the negotiations for the new labour contract.

The contract will be binding for three years and the negotiations are being conducted by the Secretariat with the principal employer, the Zim Navigation Company. One speaker after another rose to ask why the Secretariat was not reporting to the seamen on the progress of the talks and on the terms being sought.

LIFE-SENTENCE FOR BROTHER-IN-LAW'S DEATH

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The month-old trial of Yihye Abdu, charged with stabbing his brother-in-law, Moshe Sabian, to death ended here today when he was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. His aged parents, brother and sister, who were also charged, were acquitted for lack of evidence.

By permission of the Rabbinate, the murdered man, Sabian, had married Abdu's sister, who was pregnant by him, while his first wife was still living. The marriage was unsuccessful and resulted in constant quarrels, during one of which, in July last year in the Kubeira neighborhood, Sabian was stabbed to death by his wife's brother, Yihye Abdu.

On the bench were District Judges Dr. L. Bundelewicz, Mr. E. Mani, and Dr. Y. Rave. *(ITIM)*

'ZIONIST' BOOKS IN BEIRUT SEIZED

The Lebanese police authorities have searched the house of a Jewish resident in Beirut after receiving reports of the circulation of a "book on Zionist propaganda." Radio Ramallah reported yesterday. One thousand copies of the book were seized in various places, it was said.

Large Whitman Collection for H.U.

A gift of a large collection of books by Walt Whitman, including first editions, as well as 53 laminated plaques showing facsimile manuscripts and original photographs and title pages of Whitman's works, were presented to the Hebrew University yesterday by Mr. G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan State, on behalf of the donor, Mr. Charles R. Feinberg, of Detroit.

In asking Governor Williams to convey their thanks to Mr. Feinberg, Professor B. Mazar, President of the University, said that the gift was significant of the bonds of friendship between the U.S. and Israel. Whitman had his own permanent place in Hebrew literature, and he referred particularly to the outstanding Hebrew translation of "Leaves of Grass" by Professor S. Halkin.

Governor Williams expressed his pleasure at being in Israel on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the printing of "Leaves of Grass." He was aware that Whitman's ideas of democracy and brotherhood as well as his pioneering spirit found their echoes in this country, and his works had aroused considerable interest here.

Among those present were the Rev. Donald Tippett, Bishop of the Methodist Church in San Francisco, and Dr. Henry Steele Commager, Professor of History at Columbia University. Rev. Tippett, Dr. Commager and Gov. Williams, visiting Israel as part of an Israel-America Friendship League delegation, were received by Prime Minister Sharett yesterday.

10 'Israel Prizes' Awarded Today

Ten "Israel Prizes" will be awarded tomorrow to 12 outstanding writers, scientists and artists, at a ceremony in the Beit Hakerem Teachers' Seminary in Jerusalem. The prizes, of IL1,000 each, will be presented by the Minister of Education and Culture, Professor Benzion Dinur.

The recipients are:

- Zalman Schneour — poet and author;
- Dr. J. Vroman and Dr. Y. Bentor, for geological research;
- Professor Israel Reichert, for research in plant pathology;
- Zahara Schatz, artist;
- Dr. Benjamin Shapiro and Dr. Sarah Hestrin-Lerner, for research in the field of medicine;
- Professor Yitzhak Heyman, for research in Jewish studies;
- Dr. E. Urbach, for his book "Ba'alei Hatosafot";
- Prof. M. Fekete, mathematics;
- Mr. A. Hochberg, agriculture;
- the late poet, Yitzhak Lamdan.

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THAI ASTROLOGERS DENY 'PROPHECIES'

BANGKOK, Tuesday (Reuter).—The chief of police today summoned two of Thailand's leading astrologers to explain why they had prophesied that there would be political trouble here after the next eclipse of the sun.

Both astrologers denied newspaper reports of their predictions. Police said that they would take action against the newspapers.

S.N. BEHRMAN PLAYWRIGHT, HERE

Mr. S. N. Behrman, author, essayist and playwright, and a leading figure in the American theatre, arrived in Haifa yesterday from Italy. Twenty of Mr. Behrman's plays have been produced on the New York stage and shown in other parts of the U.S. as well as overseas. The current production on Broadway of which he is co-author is "Fanny," with Ezio Pinza and Walter Slezak, a musical play based on Marcel Pagnol's famous film trilogy which starred the late Raimu.

Behrman's plays have included "No Time for Comedy," "End of Summer," "The Second Man," and "Biography." He has written many screen-plays, among them five starring Greta Garbo and including "Queen Christina," "Conquest" and "Ninotchka." The latter is also now running as a play on Broadway under the name of "Silk Stockings."

His first meeting with the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann in California early in 1944 resulted in an impressionistic account of the First President's visit to the West Coast entitled "Zion Comes to Culver City," it was published in "Chaim Weizmann, Statesman and Scientist, Builder of the Jewish Commonwealth," edited by Meyer W. Weisgal and published for Dr. Weizmann's 70th birthday in 1944.

Mr. Behrman's two most recent books, both best-sellers, are a biography of Sir Joseph Duveen, great Anglo-Jewish art dealer and collector, and "The Worcester Account," dealing with Mr. Behrman's early life in a small Massachusetts town (reviewed in these columns last Friday). Both appeared serially in "The New Yorker," to which he has been a regular contributor since 1925.

He is at present writing a book on Sir Max Beerbohm, renowned English man of letters, with whom he has been staying at Rapallo for the past six weeks.

During his two-week visit to Israel, Mr. Behrman will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer W. Weisgal at Rehovot.

YALE SWIM COACH COMING TO TEACH

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — Bob Kiphuth, Yale University swimming coach, will leave by air tomorrow for Israel where he will conduct five weeks of clinics and classes for the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel.

Since he became coach at Yale in 1918, Kiphuth's teams have won nearly 500 meets and have lost only 12.

MOROCCAN TERRORISTS

CASABLANCA, Tuesday (UP).—Terrorists made three attacks here in the past 24 hours, seriously wounding one Frenchman, police reported today.

The latest attacks followed a French security crackdown on two Moroccan terrorist networks which were planning a spring uprising.

5 Killed as Runaway Plane Crashes in France

VALENCIENNES, France, Tuesday. — A runaway flight by a homesick Indian ground crewman in a "borrowed" Royal Air Force two-engined training plane, ended in tragedy today when it crashed in a crowded French village, killing four persons. Manik Agnani, 26, was also believed dead in the pulverized wreckage of the aircraft which crashed shortly after midnight.

A man and a woman were killed, while two children were burned to death.

Because Agnani was untrained, frantic R.A.F. officials, police and firemen across Britain joined to bring him down safely. He failed to respond to radio signals and disappeared northeast of London.

Friends of the Indian said that he had been saving his pay for the fare back home and that he often talked of returning to India. He saved some of his pay to take civilian flying lessons. *(Reuter, UP)*

Bandits Terrorizing South Vietnamese

SAIGON, Tuesday (UP).—Plundering and piracy have broken out in South Vietnam in the aftermath of clashes between Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and his rebellious warlord enemies, Government sources related today.

In refugee camps, gangsters took advantage of the disorders and political vacuum to plunder rich merchants. Last week, a gang raided a camp in the Plain of Canes, 80 kms. from here, and in the ensuing clash, police killed two of them and wounded two others. The raiders stole a considerable sum of money and small quantities of gold, all that the refugees had saved when they left their home in the north.

In Saigon, shops of Chinese and Vietnamese merchants in the Chinese quarter and in the outlying districts have been pillaged, or they themselves forced to pay "protection money."

Premier Diem today signed a decree dismissing the chief of the national security police, Lai Van Gang, who was nominated to the post by warlords of the Binh Xuyen private army. Authoritative sources stated that he was also ordered the Post Office to cut all telephone lines to security police headquarters, leaving them linked with the rest of the capital only by radio.

A non-political official of the security police said that the force has lost 70 men killed, wounded or taken prisoner since April 14, and that the security force was suffering from the Government's feud with the private armies.

TREMORS AGAIN ROCK VOLOS

ATHENS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Three more tremors early today shook the Volos area already nine-tenths destroyed by last week's series of earthquake shocks.

Most of the 55,000 who have lost their homes are living under canvas. They had a hard time last night in the bitter cold, and driving rain flooded their tents. The death roll increased from six to eight when two of the seriously wounded victims died.

In Switzerland, a fairly strong earth tremor shook the Canton of Valais early this morning. No damage or casualties were reported.

Burma, Ceylon Hesitate Over $200m. Gift

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (UP). — Burma and Ceylon are "not inclined" to attend the forthcoming Simla conference of Colombo Plan countries to discuss utilization of about $200m. assistance offered by the U.S. the Revenue Minister, M.C. Shah, told Parliament today.

Cables seeking clarification had been filed to Rangoon and Colombo, he said. Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand and Japan have accepted invitations while replies are awaited from Nepal, the Philippines and Pakistan.

In Manila, the U.S. and the Philippines signed an agreement today under which the former will provide $9.5m. for the support of a Philippine army division.

Cables in Brief

INCOME. — Only 50 persons in Britain declared a net income, after taxes, of more than £10,000, Chancellor of the Exchequer R.A. Butler told the Commons yesterday. He said that about 450 persons have a net income, after taxes, of £8,000.

EXPLOSION. — Two home-made bombs exploded under a tree in the grounds of the New Zealand Parliament buildings in Wellington early yesterday. The explosion broke one window of the Parliament building.

COLLISION. — A crowded electric commuter train collided with an empty shunting train early yesterday in Rio de Janeiro, killing seven and injuring at least 50 persons.

ACTRESS. — Film star Susan Hayward, 37, attempted suicide early yesterday by taking sleeping pills and was taken unconscious to Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Hollywood where attendants said she would recover. Police said "there was no melodrama here."

LOCUSTS. — Huge swarms of locusts were heading north towards the fertile coastal regions of Algeria yesterday.

SUSPENDED. — Choking dust and sand clouds driven by strong winds swept the desert floor in Yucca Flat, Nevada, yesterday, forcing suspension of work on an atomic test which is now tentatively scheduled for today.

Marshall Gives Pledge For Malay Self-Rule

SINGAPORE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mr. David Marshall, Chief Minister of the first elected Government of Singapore, today pledged himself to work for complete self-rule for the colony within four years.

Addressing the first working session of the new Legislature composed mostly of Malayan and Chinese members, he declared, "England gave India, Burma and Ceylon independence and to those who point out that it was a Labour Government that did that I would refer to the Sudan—to whom independence was granted under a Conservative Government. I am satisfied that in friendly negotiations with England, we can obtain internal self-government within the lifetime of this assembly within these four years."

Mr. Marshall, who heads the left-wing labour front, pledged himself to work for a welfare state and "the coolie." But the Government was anxious in the economic field to take no step which might alarm capital, he added.

3 Killed in U.S. Torpedo Station Blast

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, Tuesday (UP). — An explosion ripped through a secret torpedo-testing building at the U.S. naval base here, killing four civilians and injuring five others.

The blast wrecked the building in the underwater ordnance station. A spokesman said that the explosion occurred in the dynamometer room of its torpedo testing laboratory. It knocked down one wall and blew the roof off the building.

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THE silence of mourning and the voices of rejoicing blend into one mighty accord on Israel's Independence Day. Not more than seven years have passed since that memorable May afternoon of 1948, and already a tradition has grown up to make the Fifth of Iyar a national festival in the same way as greater nations celebrate their Fourteenth or Fourth of July. Yet all these manifestations of exultation, of parades and merry-making would but partly express the meaning of the day if it were not made, at the same time, an occasion for stocktaking by nation and citizen alike.

THE DAY'S CHALLENGE

The face of the State, like that of an individual, has many facets. The temptation is strong to identify the whole with the aspect nearest to the eyes of the beholder. It may be the political or military, the social or economic, the moral or religious line in the spectrum that impresses itself on the observer and determines his assessment of values, of assets and liabilities. It is only natural that some of these aspects should be uppermost in many minds, and accordingly the degree of satisfaction with last year's balance-sheet will vary. There have been substantial advances in many fields. We can rely on our armed forces successfully to resist aggression from wherever it may come; the economic position has been strengthened; progress has been made in the absorption of immigrants; new settlements have been established and the older consolidated, and the natural resources of the country are being developed.

Yet, a glance at the articles published in yesterday's issue of this paper suffices to show how much remains to be done in the economic sphere alone. And not only in that field will complacency remain Israel's most dangerous enemy. These seven years have taught us that none of Israel's problems can be solved by a doctrinaire approach. Variety of opinions and their free expression are the backbone of democracy, but in practical application they must be adjusted to the general will of society as expressed in the decisions of its elected representatives which, more often than not, are reached by compromise. In this way more than one time-honoured slogan had to give way to a realistic approach. Class struggle, for instance, has been largely reduced to a paper battle, and summons war between classes have the sound of worn-out gramophone records. Though we are far from a classless society, for all practical purposes capital and labour are honestly endeavouring to find common ground. In this respect, the increasing number of joint production committees is one of the most heartening developments in recent years. On the religious front, too, responsible leadership on both sides of the fence is trying to achieve harmony without engaging in sterile dogmatism which could only lead to religious warfare.

Above all, Independence Day calls on us not to lose our sense of proportion. In the great sweep of history, this small people of Israel was always isolated, but "Lo, the people shall dwell alone," was a blessing rather than a curse. To maintain unity of purpose, not to rely on others, to keep alive the legacy of the past, to remain faithful to its peaceful mission among the nations, and to let achievement be its witness—this is Israel's Order of Independence Day, and will forever be its challenge.

Dromit's Sale to Foreign Flag Being Pressed

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A representative of a foreign firm has arrived here to persuade the Ministry of Transport to agree to the sale of the s.s. Dromit and her transfer to a foreign flag by her present owners, the Zim Navigation Company. A local firm, Traders & Shippers (Tankers) Ltd. of Haifa, has also put in a bid for the 6,000-ton freighter, offering to pay in foreign exchange, to retain her for the Israel flag and to operate her with her present crew. The company already owns two ships, the tanker Yarkon and the freighter, Kishon.

As the s.s. Dromit is still entirely seaworthy and Zim are disposing of her to obtain funds for the purchase of new tonnage built in Germany from Shilumim funds, shipping circles here doubt whether the Ministry will reverse its decision to keep the ship on the Israel register.

Iraq Urges Persian 'Tier'

By RUSSELL THOMAS

TEHERAN, (OFNS). — IRAQ is urging Persia to fill the gap in "northern tier" defence by joining the Turco-Iraqi agreement. With Pakistan already linked to Turkey by an earlier agreement and likely soon to join with Iraq's defensive system, Persia remains the problem child of the area.

No one doubts Persia's willingness to join. Neither the Shah, ex-Premier Zahedi, present Premier Hussein Ala, nor the Foreign Minister, Abdullah Entezam, have made any secret of their desire in this respect.

In Iraq it is believed that the new Government of Premier Ala will hasten the association of Persia with the pact, but here in Teheran there remains an undercurrent of caution. While the Iraqi Government believed that Zahedi was the stumbling block with the Shah anxious to join, the facts throw doubt on this view.

Abdullah Entezam, who was also Foreign Minister in the Zahedi Government, has been retained in that post by Ala, and he is known to all foreign diplomats here as being extremely cautious on the issue of the defence agreement. It is thought that if the Shah was really urging his Government to join the Turco-Iraqi pact, he would have taken the opportunity with the formation of a new government to choose a Foreign Minister who would agree to do so.

Settlement with Russia

In any case, Entezam wants the Russians to complete the agreement, already negotiated, for the settlement of long-standing disputes between Persia and Russia regarding the frontier and war debts to Persia amounting to 10 tons of gold. He knows it is unlikely that Russia will ratify the agreement if Persia joins the Turco-Iraqi defensive alliance.

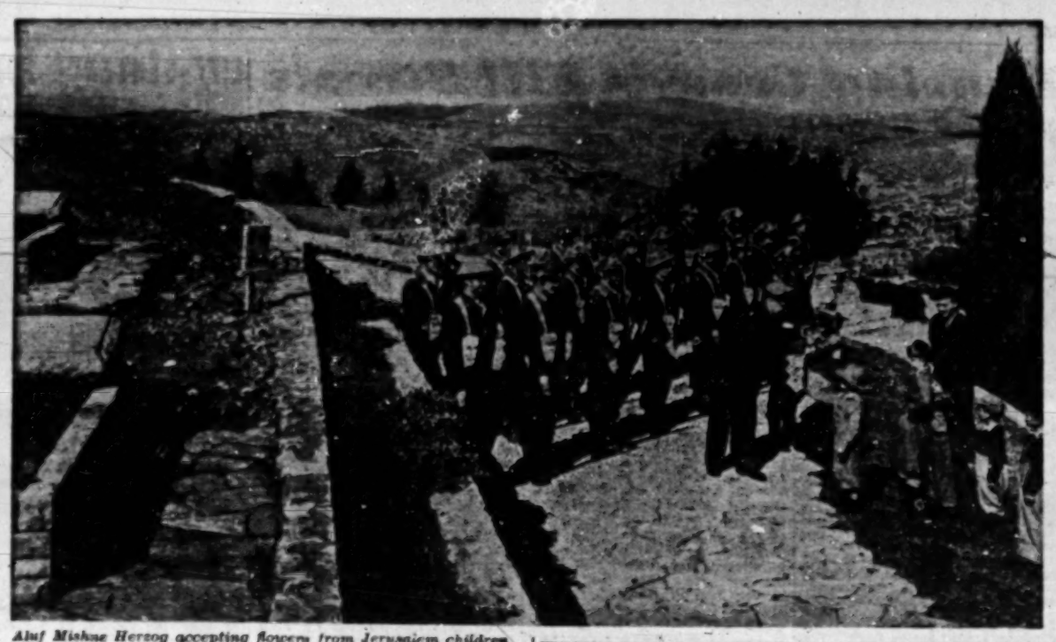
Iraq is arguing that Soviet policy is designed merely to keep Persia out of the agreement and that the agreement will either not be signed, or, if signed, not executed. Nuri Said, Iraq's veteran Premier, is reported to have stated in private that "If Persia is waiting for her gold from Moscow before joining the defence pact, she will wait for ever."

British and American policy is inclined to be content with Persia's attitude for the moment and be more patient than Iraq or Turkey. It feels that as Persia's position is more exposed and delicate, it is better that she should take her own time about joining the pact. The impression that the United States is putting pressure on Persia to join is probably due to American military men in Teheran, who show more impatience than State Department policy warrants.

Will Join

The adhesion of Britain to the Turco-Iraqi pact has given it a greater importance in the Middle East but has created a problem for Persia. Without Britain's participation, it was possible for Persia to justify to Russia her own adhesion to the pact by saying it was merely a regional organization for defensive purposes. This argument carries less weight now that Britain's military arrangements with Iraq expand the strategic strength of the new pact.

Nevertheless, most people here are agreed that Persia will eventually join the defensive alliance. They feel that her close relations with Britain and the United States will bring her into the northern tier defence line against the threat of Russia.



Aluf Mishne Herzog accepting flowers from Jerusalem children born on May 14, 1948, at a ceremony in the Military Cemetery on Mt. Herzl. Photo by Ilani

Independence' Children Pay Tribute at Military Cemetery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAY 14, 1948 in the eternal City of Peace — Jerusalem. Go from hospital to hospital in the tense, nerve-drawing silent turbulence.

As statesmen and pioneers, soldiers and farmers set themselves to be midwives at the birth of the State of Israel, seven women gave birth to seven infants — two girls and five boys — the very day the State was solemnly proclaimed.

What did they think of that day, as their birth pangs coincided with those of their nation's? "I was very nervous," one of them says. "I knew we'd have a State, but I was afraid for my baby." Each echoes this maternal sentiment — hope for her people but fear for her child.

Arab Legion guns shattered the peace in a 100-gun salute. Shells burst over the hospitals. The mothers, evacuated to a room more protected from shrapnel, refused to leave unless their children went with them.

The children born in Jerusalem on May 14, are Ahuva Naftali, Yosef Burd, Eldad Charaad, Rafael Sitton, Yehuda Erdman Shlomo Eliahu and Bela Veizel.

The parents hail from Baghdad, Yemen, Germany. They symbolize the currents of life in Israel, the rapid changes since the calendar froze on May 14. They also symbolize the past and the present. (One little girl's parents opposed her being photographed on religious grounds.)

The State has grown, as have the youngsters. Their seventh birthday will have all the more meaning for falling on the birthday of the State.

To pay tribute to those who fell so they might live, the youngsters (minus Ahuva, out with measles and Bela, whose parents Yaacov and Meta don't like cameras) gathered at the Military Cemetery on Mt. Herzl to present flowers to Aluf-Mishne Chaim Herzog, Military Commander of the Jerusalem Area, and former military attache in Washington.

DAVID BEN-GURION

Thoughts for Independence Day

. . . I saw that there was too much desert and not enough cultivation and growth; that there were too many gathered in the cities and towns, and too few in the outlying places and on the borders; that there were too many middlemen and people performing services and not enough productive workers; that there was too much chasing after comforts, profits and riches and not enough devoted work, pioneering, and thought for the morrow; that there was too much talk about brotherhood and the unity of the Jewish people and not enough helping hands held out to the newcomers; that there were too many splits and quarrels and not enough working together and responsibility borne by all; that too many claims were made on the State and too few on ourselves; that there was too much demanding of rights and not enough performing of duties.

When I say this I do not wish to mislead anyone or to give the impression that I value lightly the great progress and magnificent achievement of all these years, and especially of that which is now past, or that I underestimate the struggle of the present Government and of that which preceded it in their trials ad triumphs.

From a speech before the Central Committee of Mapai

Negev Geologists Get Israel Prize

By a Special Correspondent

IT is just over six years ago that the Government invited Dr. Ya'acov K. Bentor and Dr. Akiba Y. Vroman, who share this year's Israel Prize for their work in natural sciences, to survey, with the help of the Defence Army, the Negev's natural resources and prepare a geological map of the area. Since 1953, this work has been carried on on behalf of the Ministry of Development.

The two scientists have almost completed the fieldwork, and in the course of it, discovered all the deposits of which we have been hearing so much: the uranium — containing phosphates, the clays, glass sands, copper, manganese, gypsum and so on. Many of the 11 maps, on the 1:100,000 scale, have been completed. The first three, covering the regions of Abde, Sdom and Mount 'Omer, have been published, each one with a special text. It is for these three works that the Prize was awarded to the two geologists on Independence Day.

DR. BENTOR

Dr. Bentor, who studied mineralogy and geology at the universities of Koenigsberg, Zurich, Clermont-Ferrand and Jerusalem, received two doctorates: one from the Sorbonne for his work in the Ubaine des Puys, and one from the Hebrew University. With the interruption of a few years of study in Europe, he has been with the Hebrew University ever since he came here in 1933. He is now lecturer in mineralogy and petrology, and director of the Development Ministry's Geological Survey.

Dr. Vroman, of Dutch origin, first came here in the '30's to prepare his dissertation in geology at the Hebrew University. He received his Ph.D. at Utrecht (Holland) for his work on Mount Carmel. Later, Dr. Vroman returned to Israel and took a post with the Haifa Technion, where he now lectures on geology. He is also geologist with one of the oil companies prospecting in the country.

The years he spent in the Negev, often under very rough and dangerous conditions, seem to Dr. Bentor the best part of his working life. The expeditions, in which his students and scientists whose work is related to geology joined, lasted usually three weeks at a time. Their base was a tent camp which was moved as work in the sector was completed. Rough maps of the areas were prepared on the spot and hundreds of samples taken for laboratory tests. After a week at home to catch their breath and sort out their samples, the geologists set off again, to continue the mapping work.

Quite some time will have to pass before the scientists have completed all their maps and textbooks, which are to be published in both Hebrew and English. When that is finished, "it will be time to make more detailed studies of the rocks and minerals of the Negev, and also to revise the maps and textbooks already published," Dr. Bentor says. "Throughout the world, new geological maps are prepared periodically, and it is surprising how much more such revisions bring to light."

Readers' Letters

LAW REPORT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In today's Law Report we read: "Justice Witkon held that . . . the attempt . . . was not only dishonest and immoral, but that it was also without foundation in law or equity." Should it not read: " . . . not only without foundation in law or equity, but also dishonest and immoral?" Because, as it stands, it implies that there are acts within law and equity which are dishonest and immoral. Yours, etc.

H. KRAUSE

Jerusalem, April 24.

WORKING IN GERMANY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of March 3 you published a very interesting article, a Slave Labourers Press Case Against I.G." In this article I was referred to as having "returned from Israel" about 12 months ago. However, I have not left Israel permanently but for the time being am working in Germany where I am dealing with Israel and other Jewish matters. Yours, etc.

DR. ALFRED WERNER

Dusseldorf.

JOINT BORDER PATROLS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—Admitting that one could concur with your Diplomatic Correspondent's views that Egypt's agreeing to joint border patrols represents a "hypocritical pretence of fulfilling its obligation to implement Gen. Burns' proposals," (your issue of April 22) I doubt that one could successfully press one's point home by adopting a negative attitude and refusing to cooperate.

I feel that Israel would have gained much in the eyes of the world — the same world that yesterday condemned her from U.N. platforms — if she had agreed to take part in these patrols and unmasked Egypt's hypocrisy by pointing to their futility. Yours, etc.

MICHAEL SHAVIT

Tel Aviv, April 22.

MUSICAL DIARY

Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Karl Salomon, conductor. Soloists: Alfred Schroeder, piano; Nahum Finczuk, viola. (Y.M.C.A., April 25.) Partos: "Yizkor" for Viola and Strings; Mozart: Symphony No. 40 in G-minor, K.550; Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1 in D-minor, op. 15.

PARTOS' well-known "Yizkor" made a dignified curtain raiser. The performance was solemn and the solo viola sonorous. We decidedly remember more moving and more lucid renderings of the lovely though tragic 40th. Prof. Schroeder's approach to the Brahms concerto was romantic, with traces of melancholy and resignation, as it should be. *FRANGO*

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Paul Paray, conductor (Obed Shem-Hall, April 19). Bach-Stokowski: Toccata and Fugue; Marc Lavry: Israel Dances; Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice; Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.4 in F minor, op. 36.

PAUL Paray's display of insight and imagination in his approach to Lavry's Dances proves that he is no newcomer to the Israel temperament in music. His interpretation evinces, too, a thorough understanding of the score. Toccata and Fugue and the "Apprentice," both brilliant orchestral showpieces, found the orchestra in top form, and the conductor seemed carried away by both his own enthusiasm and the ready response he received from the ensemble. We were particularly impressed by the performance of the first violins, whose measured stroke and intonation gave evidence of exhaustive preparation.

The symphony bore a somewhat toilsome air, and throughout the first movement the conductor seemed unconcerned with its fate. Only with the appearance of the three reiterated notes voiced by the strings in the second movement, which the composer intended to "engender a considerable climax" did we sense a measure of meditation and melancholy. The sparkling first theme of the third movement, followed by its counterpart in the woodwinds were particularly pleasing; we feel that the winds deserve much praise for the high standard of their playing.

D. YADIN

Abroad

THE "Montreal Star" review of Varda Nishry's recital, organized by the American Fund for Israel Institutions, particularly praised the young pianist's "keyboard techniques, which could not be topped by any other women pianist on the concert stage today" adding that Varda Nishry also "proved herself capable of some very gentle refinements . . . She was at her very best in works by Israel composers."

TO THE
PEOPLE OF ISRAEL
ITS STATE AND ARMY
GREETINGS ON
YOM ATZMA'UT
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Yesterday's Press

Tribute to the Fallen

TRIBUTE to the fallen of the War of Liberation is paid in the editorials of several newspapers, and most publish special features in commemoration of the War of Independence. "Omer" (Histadrut) publishes a special independence issue and "Haboker" (General Zionist) a special supplement surveying problems of the national economy. "Ha'aretz" (non-party) announces on the other hand that the paper might have to close down as of Wednesday because the demands of the printers for a considerable wage increase cannot be accepted. The publisher writes that he has requested the Prime Minister to intervene in this dispute.

Elsewhere in the editorial columns there is further comment on East Asian affairs and the Bandung Conference. "Haboker" continues to belabour the Israel Ambassador to Burma, who it reports, has now been recalled for having caused the second diplomatic incident in the course of one year. His Hong Kong declaration, about Formosa, the Western embargo on strategic goods etc., made upon his return from a conducted tour of Communist China, was tantamount to an intervention in the affairs of other states, quite apart from the fact that Mr. Hacohen was obviously in no position to make authoritative statements after a few days' visit in a strange country. The paper says that these fatal mistakes can be explained only against the background of our unfortunate "Asian orientation," and Mr. Chou En-lai has saved a good many polemics by making his stand quite clear.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) also returns to the Chou-Mufti meeting and complains about Mr. Tabenkin (of Ahdut Ha'avoda) who declared that he already sees Dr. Sneh walking arm in arm with the ex-Mufti on Rothschild Boulevard; and about Mr Y. Riftin, the leader of the pro-Communist wing in Mapam, who likewise criticized this meeting. Only blind chauvinists, says, "Kol Ha'am" will blame the Chinese Prime Minister for his action.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) attacks Mapai and the Histadrut executive for not sending delegates to the trade union conference in Communist China. The paper finds the Chou-ex-Mufti meeting very surprising and it denounces the "anti-Israel stand taken by that degenerate cast, the Israel Communists, who wish to create the impression that giving up most of Israel's territory would be a great positive contribution towards the peaceful solution of the Palestine problem." However, says the Mapam paper, all this is not sufficient reason for the Histadrut to be offended: if there had been an Israel diplomatic mission in China it would have been able to provide Mr. Chou En-lai with the information he himself admitted he was lacking, about the Middle East.

Ma'barot and Fares

"Ha'aretz" comments on the new settlement providing a 10 to 14 per cent increase in the fares of the bus cooperatives. The paper wants to make sure that the inhabitants of the *ma'barot* are not going to be the main sufferers. Nor should it be forgotten that the increase is subject to the bus companies' carrying out the rest of the recommendations of the investigating commission, such as cuts in the special payments to their cooperatives' members. The Minister of Communications has already stated that he does not want to compel the companies to make such cuts but he will not take into consideration any future deficit caused by disregard of this recommendation.

"Herut" comments on Mr. Ben-Gurion's most recent speech, and demands, somewhat surprisingly in view of its record, that "security problems remain outside the elections campaign."

Invitation to the Stand

MY friend Moshe is in a terrible fix. He used to lead a very peaceful life, but now, because of Independence Day, he has become haunted and hated by nearly everybody in town. And the poor fellow is completely innocent. It all started when he became a member of the Independence Day Committee in Beersheba.

As you all know, we are going to be honoured this year by having a military parade in our town, and when you have a military parade you also need a tribune from which the guests of honour can watch the parade in comfort. The trouble is that the tribune has only 500 numbered seats and therefore only 500 invitations have been sent out. Poor Moshe was assigned the worst job of all: sending out the invitations. True, to the left and to the right of the tribune there will be another 900 seats provided by the Army, but these seats are not numbered and without invitations. Therefore anybody who thinks that he is somebody wants a seat on the visitors stand only, and is there anybody who does not think that he is somebody very important? Perhaps there are such people in Metula or Petah Tikva, but certainly not in Beersheba.

Since no one here knows how to keep a military secret, the news somehow leaked out that Moshe is the official invitation distributor. You can imagine the drama that followed. The evening before, he had gone to bed as a peaceful citizen: in the morning he woke up Public Enemy Number One. The 19,500 citizens of Beersheba who did not get an invitation started to take action. A special postal car brought loads of threatening letters to his house. His children were bribed with chocolate and candy. His telephone at home and his telephone in the office rang without interruption. After a few sleepless nights, his wife left him and went back to her parents.

But he deserved this fate because he was really careless in sending out the invitations. Elzig Steinfinkel, who came to Beersheba in July 1949 did not receive an invitation, but Itzik Finkelstein, who came in August 1949, did get one. Moshe Klein who is a foreman at Solel Boneh received an invitation, but Moshe Gross who is a foreman at Even Vesid did not. I ask you. And believe it or not he did send an invitation to Mrs. Ping Pong, but he forgot Mrs. Pong Ping. *Dunno* Mrs. Pong Ping, who has been baking cakes for WIZO and the Working Mothers all year long.

Still, personally I have to be a little lenient towards him. After all, Moshe is my friend and he did send me an invitation. Or hang on a minute, I believe I've made a mistake. He did not. What? I did not receive an invitation? And he dares call himself my friend. Only six months ago I bought him a *gozo* and paid for it out of my own pocket. The jerk. Wait till I get my hands on him. . .

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ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

ON THIS DAY OF REJOICING when we enter the synagogues to give praise and thanks to the Almighty for the mighty wonders he has shown us and when we re-live the events that have led us hither — we remember our sons and brothers, the courageous fighters who with their blood and sacrifice won for us our national independence, and the heroes of the spirit, pioneers and pathfinders, who paved the way towards the rebirth of our people and the founding of the State.

LET US REMEMBER AND NEVER FORGET that the Day of our Independence is the result of the mighty efforts of the Movement of our Renaissance, the result of the valiant deeds of those sons of our people who rose to the challenge and unitedly realised the dream and hope of generations.

WE WHO WERE PRIVILEGED, inspired by our Torah Sages and led by our great spiritual leaders, to rise up with the first ones in Zion and to take part in the building of our land, in city and village, on the farm and in industry, and to establish for our Torah and its sacred teachings a place of honour in the building of our nation, — we rejoice on this great day to bring to all those who are faithful to the word of our G'd the tidings of the unification of Religious Zionism.

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER STAND FATHERS AND SONS, men from all walks of life and from the communities of East and West, the artisan and the manufacturer, the city-dweller and the villager, the worker and the businessman, the veteran resident and the new immigrant, —

UNITED IN STRENGTH FOR THE GREAT TASKS OF strengthening the influence of our Torah in the new State, and of holding high our spiritual leaders, of establishing and safeguarding the Sabbath and holy days of Israel and of furthering religious education, of strengthening the unity of our people and the love of Israel, and of fostering and guarding the purity of the Jewish family and the sanctity of the Jewish home.

On the Day of the Rebirth of our Nation we appeal to every Jew who honours Jewish tradition and who is loyal to the heritage of countless generations:

DO NOT STAND ASIDE!

Join The United Camp

Add to its Strength Increase its Influence

Let no man be wanting when the count is taken. Prepare for the battle that will decide our national way of life and the character of our State.

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